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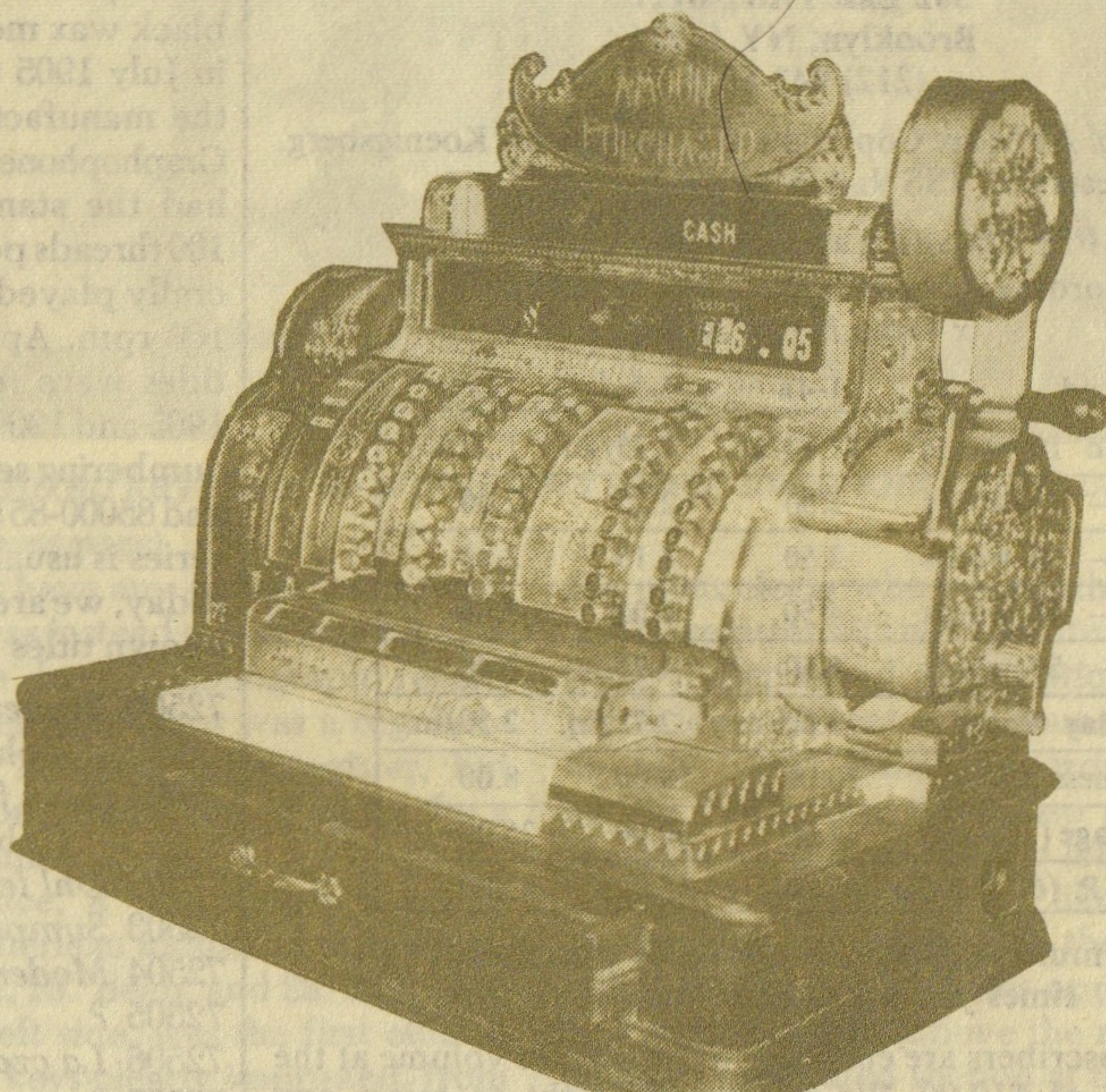
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“Fun at the Music Counter”

\$ A Phonographic Cash Register \$

When I was researching U.S. patent files in Crystal City, Virginia in 1975, I came across a number of unusual designs incorporating the mechanical marvels of the cash register with those of the phonograph. As early as Aug. 20, 1890, Austin B. Hayden of Kansas City, Missouri, had filed for a combination cylinder device which announced transactions via a horn at the top of the register. The goal of this hybrid was to keep the clerks honest as the voice within was meant to notify the customer of the actual transaction. By 1905, another inventor named Cornelius S. Clark, of Norfolk, Va., had patented an improved model which not only *announced* ‘dollars and cents’ but *recorded* the voice of the clerk as well. Naturally I despaired of ever finding anything remotely like these contraptions, even though Hayden had actually formed the Articulating Cash Register Co. So when APM had the chance to obtain a phonographic cash register seven years later, those early days at the U.S. Patent Office flashed back.

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DEAR APM:

Question: How many *20th Century Cylinder* titles did Columbia issue?

E.E., Bridgeport, CT

Answer: Columbia introduced their special series of 6"-long black wax moulded cylinders in July 1905 to coincide with the manufacture of their BC Graphophone. Since the records had the standard groove of 100 threads per inch, they generally played for 3 minutes at 160 rpm. Approximately 200 titles were released between 1905 and 1909 in two different numbering series: 72500-72510 and 85000-85189. Since the first series is usually unrecognized today, we are glad to print the known titles below:

- 72500 *Brunette polka*
Columbia Orchestra
- 72501 *Tout feu tout flamme*
Columbia Orchestra
- 72502 *Oh! les femmes* CO
- 72503 *Sympathie* CO
- 72504 *Modern style schot.* CO
- 72505 ?
- 72506 *La czarine* CO
- 72507 ?
- 72508 ?
- 72509 ?
- 72510 *Curassier attaque* CO

RdA Vr9.85

SCB Ed7.75

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SGK Vr6 50

SMD CL8 85

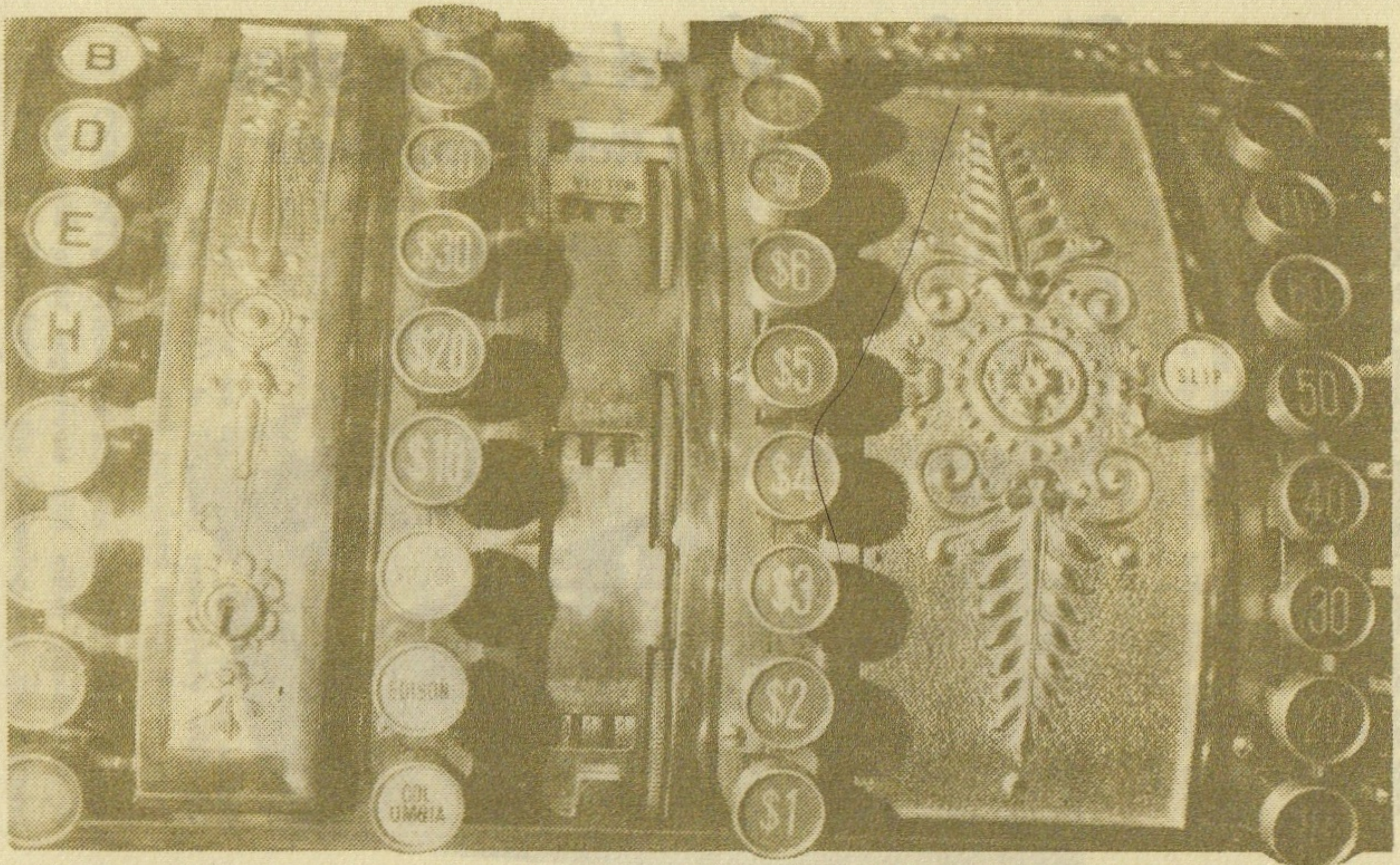
SMB CL4 65

RdE Ed7.40

RdH Ed6 85

RdE Ed3 45

The tapes tell the story to those who know the code (see article).



Three customized keys and tally counters reveal the phonograph connection!

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No, it didn't have any concealed records inside, but it was instead a cash register specifically made for a phonograph record shop. As Model No. 532, it was a regularly manufactured National cash register, but had been customized by the company for a Chicago-area music store.

At first glance, it was simply a lovely example of American industrial skill, measuring 30" wide, 18" deep, and 28" high. But there, on the left side, was the first clue — three separate keys clearly imprinted, from top to bottom, with the names of the 'Big Three' (Victor, Edison, and Columbia).

Had this been the only variation, it would hardly have been remarkable. But when any of these three buttons was pressed, along with the appropriate prices and other information, the correct "flag" also appeared adjacent to the price in the window above — *Vr* for Victor, *Ed* for Edison, and *Cl* for Columbia. In addition, when one of the curved vertical face plates between the keys was raised, additional wheel counters were revealed, one above the other. You guessed it! Each name was clearly engraved there (VICTOR, EDISON, COLUMBIA) by the factory in the metal so that the number of sales for each company would be tallied at the end of the day. And finally, to top it off, the register tape was also imprinted with the name of the phonograph or record company (*see illustration*).

The bronze register had other features, some standard, others unusual, for a machine of this type. The large lettered keys on the upper left (A, B, D, E, H, K) are codes for

any of six clerks who were authorized to use it. The register will not operate unless one of these is depressed. In addition, there is a pinch lever indicator for four categories — *no sale*, *sheet music*, *records*, and *small goods*. Codes for these also appear, in a separate window at the top left, as follows: NS, SM, RD, and SG, and likewise appear on the tape. At the end of the day, dollar tallies for these categories appear in counters at the bottom (above the marble shelf) and in a concealed section at the left of the register.

The logo plate which printed the store's name on each register receipt was long ago removed, so it is still a mystery exactly which shop possessed this marvelous instrument. It was a triumph of mechanical engineering, from the complex counters arranged throughout the machine to the simple marble shelf which was designed to test the ring of gold and silver coins when dropped there. It harks back to another day when even a single cash purchase was designed to be an event - how else to explain the large ornate "Amount Purchased" sign on top?

When Uncle Josh shopped at a department store a few years before, he was clearly upset when his money was taken from him in a wire basket. I think he would have been much happier buying something directly from this stately marvel - he could certainly see where his money was going!

At any rate, visitors to the APM Archives can turn back the clock themselves and press the keys and give the crank two turns. After all, it still issues a receipt! □

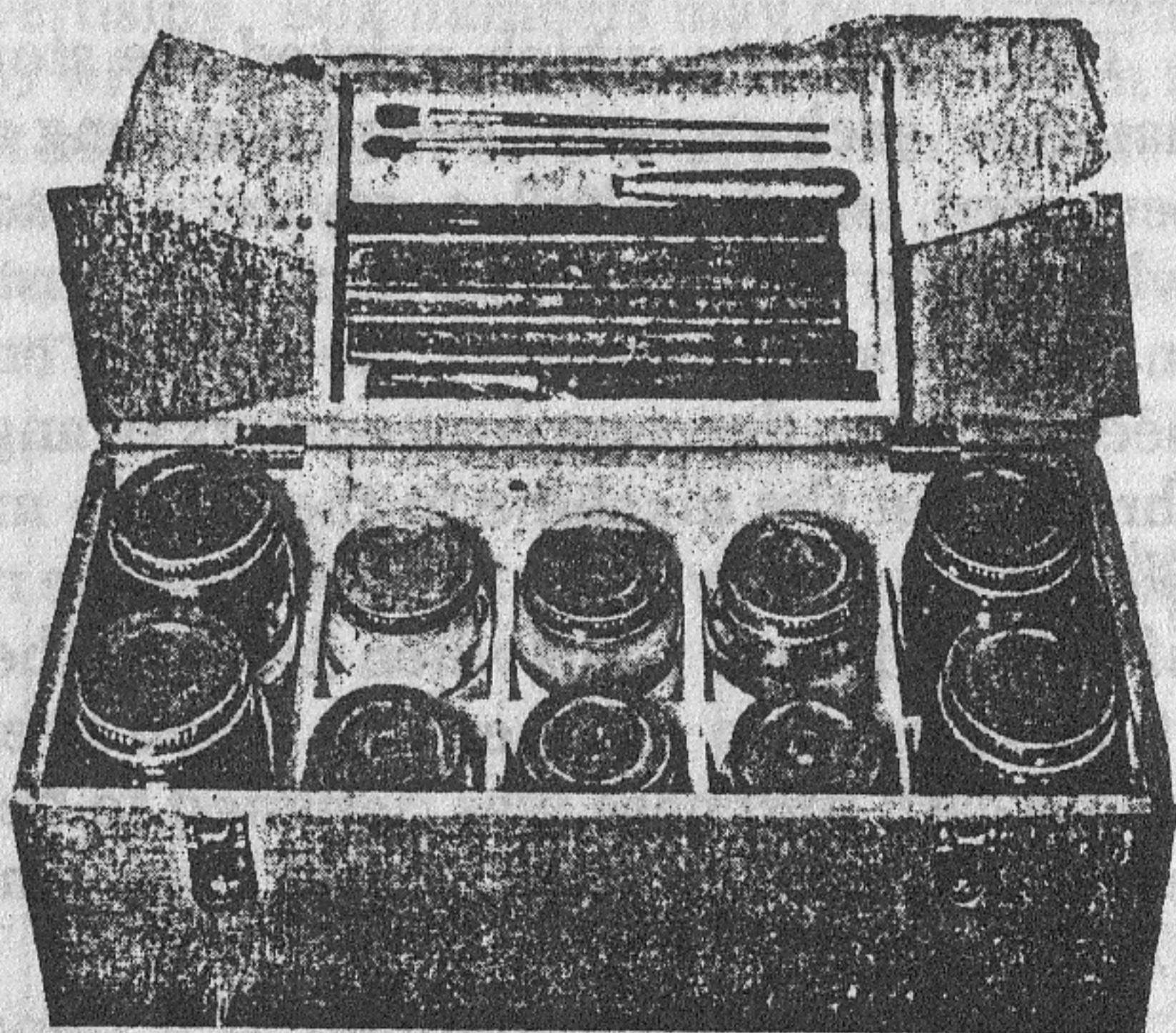
The Last Word on Finishes

The Edison Cabinet Retouching Outfit



The original hinged box measures 13½" long, 6" deep, and 5½" high.

Edison Cabinet Retouching Outfit



Issued for
Edison Jobbers and Dealers

Thomas A. Edison, Inc.

Orange, N. J., U. S. A.

2876

I. The Outfit

This outfit is designed to be a sort of "first aid" to injured Edison Phonograph Cabinets, in order that a jobber or dealer may readily repair any slight damage caused by accident or careless handling of a cabinet, without the necessity of calling upon a cabinet finisher to do the job.

With attention to the directions here given any intelligent person may soon learn how to properly treat a finished surface so that blemishes caused by scratches or dents or by the effects of heat or moisture may be removed and the surface present as fine a finish as originally.

This outfit is purposely very simple. There is not an article in the whole make-up that could well be spared. The quantity of material given in the bottles is sufficient to cover many repairs, if carefully used and tightly corked when any one job is finished.

A word of timely advice may not be out of place here. Handle the tools, and particularly the liquids, with neatness and care. See that all tools are wiped dry before being laid aside, and that all liquids are recorked and replaced in proper order in the box. If this is done the outfit will always be ready for use and will be as serviceable as when new.

CONTENTS OF THIS KIT

1. Tools: 1. Spatula, or Burning-in Knife. 2. Camel's Hair Brush (round). 3. Camel's Hair Brush (flat).
2. Abrasive Materials: 1. Powdered Pumice Stone. 2. Powdered Rotten Stone. 3. No. 000 Sand Paper.
3. Cements: 1. Transparent. 2. Dark Mahogany. 3. Golden Oak. 4. Fumed Oak. 5. Weathered Oak.
4. Shellac Stains: 1. Mahogany. 2. Golden Oak. 3. Fumed Oak. 4. Weathered Oak.
5. Surface Restorers: 1. Crude Oil. 2. White Shellac. 3. Orange Shellac. 4. Wood Alcohol. 5. Felt, two pieces. 6. Cheese Cloth.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

1. TOOLS—The tools needed, as will be seen above, are very few and very simple. The most important is the Spatula or Burning-in Knife. We advise those who are

not skilled in its manipulation to practice with it on a sample board, or a piece of polished wood that has been scratched or dented. The beginner should not be discouraged if at first the result desired is not attained. A little practice will make all clear and easy.

1. **The Spatula or Burning-in Knife.** This as will be observed is a special knife with thin blade used for handling the various cements for filling in dents, etc. It is to be heated—not over-heated—on a gas or alcohol flame. The proper temperature will be secured if a little piece of cement is laid on the blade while it is heating. When the cement begins to melt, remove the blade from the flame, otherwise you will destroy the temper of the blade. The time needed will not be over two minutes, but frequently less. When the top of the blade is so heated, apply it to the cement stick (color to be selected according to cabinet finish) and press the tip of the blade, bottom side up, against the cement. The heated blade will cause the cement to melt and collect on the blade. While so heated apply the cement quickly to the dent in the cabinet. (Further instructions are given under "To Repair Cabinet Which Has Been Dented.")

2. **ABRASIVE MATERIALS**—These are supplied for reducing the polished surface to receive a new finish. They are:—

1. Powdered Pumice Stone. We supply a bottle of this to be used as instructed under "Directions."
2. Powdered Rotten Stone. We also supply a bottle of this and the way it is to be used is indicated in the following pages.
3. Sand Paper. A very fine grade, known commercially as "000" is supplied.

With the above we supply two thick pieces of felt ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick) to be used respectively with the powdered pumice and powdered rotten-stone.

3. **CEMENTS**—These are filling-in material made of bees-wax and other ingredients and either transparent or colored. We furnish the following for the purpose specified under each:—

1. **Transparent Cement.** This is to be used on mahogany and golden oak cabinets IF THE DENTS RETAIN THEIR NATURAL COLOR. (See instructions under "Cabinet Dented.") Transparent cement can be used on the various shades of golden oak or on mahogany cabinets. This cement retains the natural color of the cabinets. It is of such a nature that it will not adhere to any oily surface. Should the surface be oily overcome this by touching the places to be filled in, with alcohol, or thin shellac, allowing it to dry before filling in.

2. **Dark Mahogany.** Where the dent in the mahogany case is such as to expose the natural wood under the finished surface, this is the cement to be used to fill in such dents. (See instructions under "Cabinet Dented.")

3. **Golden Oak.** For use in cabinets finished in golden oak where the dent is such as to expose its natural wood, under this surface finish. (See instruction under "Cabinet Dented.")

4. **Fumed Oak.** This is the proper cement to be used in cabinets finished in fumed oak and where the dent exposes the natural wood under the finish. (See instructions under "Cabinet Dented.")

5. **Weathered Oak.** Similar in use as above on cabinets finished in Weathered Oak. (See instructions under "Cabinet Dented.")

4. **SHELLAC STAINS**—We supply four different colors, each one properly mixed and ready for use, when the bottle is thoroughly shaken:—

Mahogany Shellac Stain (1 gill bottle).
Golden Oak Shellac Stain (1 gill bottle).
Fumed Oak Shellac Stain (1 gill bottle).
Weathered Shellac Stain (1 gill bottle).

5. **SURFACE RESTORERS**—These are the last to be applied and consist of:—

1. **Crude Oil**— $\frac{1}{2}$ pint is furnished to be used according to directions.

2. **White Shellac**— $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of this also is furnished and its uses fully specified.

3. **Orange Shellac**— $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of this is also supplied and how it is to be used will be clear when the directions are followed.

4. **Wood Alcohol**— $\frac{1}{2}$ pint is supplied.

II. Directions

Methods to be Pursued to Repair Certain

Definite Defects

1. **TO REPAIR CABINET SLIGHTLY MARRED BY PACKING MATERIAL.**—Sometimes the packing material will slightly rub the surface of the cabinet, caused by the cabinet working loose in its fastenings in the packing case. The surface can easily be restored. Follow the method here outlined:—

Take some No. 000 finishing sandpaper and sand the surface, carrying the process far enough to eliminate all blemishes. It is very important that the sanding is done thoroughly. To determine this, place your work toward the light, then with the palm of your hand, brush off the surface. Examine closely to see whether the press marks have been sanded out.

Now make a pad of cloth which is free from lint, such as a piece of old linen. Dampen the pad with wood alcohol and shape into a wad suitable to the hand for rubbing. Apply a few drops of crude oil and go over the sanded surface in a rotary motion. During the operation, make sure that the part of the pad which comes in contact with the varnished surface is absolutely smooth and free from creases. This will have a tendency to loosen the varnish evenly, spreading it over the marred surface and filling up all scratches and blemishes.

Do not allow your wad to become "tacky," but keep adding alcohol and oil as occasion demands. As the operation advances the surface will begin to take on a smooth appearance. As a final touch, rub the wad or pad of cloth in the direction of the grain of the wood for a few minutes and your finish is complete.

2. **TO REPAIR CABINET INJURED BY A SCRATCH.**—A scratch cuts below the surface of the finish and takes more time to remove than the operation just outlined above. The following course should be pursued:—

Slight scratches (or dents for that matter) can be filled in with white shellac, using a small pencil brush. Let the shellac stand after filling in two days so as to become thoroughly hardened. Then rub the surface and knit together the surface finish by using an alcohol pad.

3 TO REPAIR CABINET WHICH HAS BEEN DENTED.—How to Remove the Dent so surface will be even again. A dent or bang is a serious injury in that it requires some careful handling to restore the surface so it will not show. Follow the method here outlined:—

To repair a dent it will be necessary to use the spatula and the proper colored cement stick, according to whether the cabinet is mahogany, golden oak, fumed oak, weathered oak. Heat the tip end of the blade of the spatula over an alcohol light. The proper temperature can be determined by placing a small amount of cement on the blade while it is heating. When the cement melts it is hot enough. Secure on the tip of the blade enough cement to fill or partly fill the dent. Press the spatula gently against the surface to receive the wax. If the filled in cement has a rough appearance, heat the spatula again and try to work the cement more evenly, working the blade back and forth. Care must be taken not to overheat the spatula as it will cause the melted cement to have a foamy appearance. Allow the spatula to cool off before applying the blade. If the spatula is overheated it will cause the varnish to blister.

After all blemishes have been attended to, the next step is to take a piece of rubbing felt, dip in crude oil and powdered pumice stone. Apply the felt to the filled in surface. Rub the felt back and forth with the grain of the wood (never against it) until the required results are obtained.

After this operation take a soft cloth and wipe off all traces of the oil and the powdered pumice stone.

The next step is to make a small pad of cotton and place it in the center of a piece of linen, or cheese cloth, free from lint, now draw the ends together and twist so that the pad will be firm.

Next, sprinkle a few drops of alcohol on the pad. Then pat the pad against the palm of the left hand so that the alcohol will be evenly applied. Now dip the end of the finger in the crude oil, touch the oil to the pad.

Apply the pad, thus prepared, to the surface to be finished. Work it back and forth, or in a circular motion over the filled in parts so as to knead the cement and the varnish together.

Work the pad rapidly. Don't allow it to rest on the surface, as it will show print marks of the pad. If the pad becomes dry, use more alcohol.

Be careful not use too much oil on the pad as the purpose of the oil is only to keep the pad from sticking to the varnish.

By manipulating the pad as it becomes dryer, a fine lustre will appear. This shows that the desired results are being obtained.

If the cabinet to be repaired has a dull finish, allow the varnish to harden. Then take crude oil and powdered pumice stone to dull the lustre rubbing with the grain of the wood (never against the grain) over the entire surface so that it will become uniform. Then wipe dry with a soft cloth.

4. TO REPAIR CABINET DAMAGED BY WATER.

Such an injury can arise from a number of causes. If the cabinet is left too near a steam radiator it will soon blister. If exposed to dampness it will blister, and usually "turn white" in spots. The following is the best way to treat these defects:—

Take a small pad, as described under directions, dampen it with alcohol and rub rapidly one way over surface where the discolored blemishes appear. Lift the pad off the surface, allowing the alcohol to penetrate into the varnish. Repeat this operation until the defective parts have assumed their natural color. In repeating this operation always wait a few minutes so that the varnish will harden again. When the desired results have been obtained then proceed.

5. TO REPAIR CABINET SHOWING "WHITE EDGES."—This defect is most noticeable in mahogany and weathered oak cabinets. Certain edges will have a

lighter appearance than the surfaces, as if worn off by handling. This defect is easily remedied:—

Take the flat camel's hair brush, dip lightly in the shellac stain which corresponds with the cabinet finish. Then slightly touch the edge, not covering the surface more than need be. Let this dry.

6. TO REPAIR CABINET SLIGHTLY CHIPPED.

A small splinter off a corner can be repaired by cement of the proper color, but a big chip off, unless the piece is saved, cannot be repaired by cement. In such case the cabinet should be treated by a cabinet maker, as it requires a piece of wood set in it, and this outfit does not provide for such an operation. Where the splinter is small, pursue the following course:—

Select the proper cement stick corresponding with the finish of the cabinet. Use the spatula as indicated for "Dents." Fill in the chipped space with the cement and carefully shape to the desired requirements. After that is done finish up according to the process outlined under "Dents."

INJURIES NEEDING A CABINET FINISHER

There are several injuries to a cabinet that cannot be properly repaired except in the hands of a cabinet finisher. Where the joints spring apart, for instance, where a leg is broken off, or where a large piece of the wood is chipped off, besides many others. It would be futile to attempt such repair without the necessary tools and the experience. All such injuries should be referred to a regular cabinet maker.

CARE OF SPATULA AND OTHER TOOLS

Always keep the spatula clean. If it becomes discolored take a piece of fine sand paper and polish it. If not kept clean it will cause the cement to become blackened.

THE BRUSHES should be cleaned before being put away, especially when used in shellac and varnish stains.

"NOT A COUGH IN A CARLOAD"

Some Advertising Blue Amberols

Ron Dethlefsen

While tracking down more material on Blue Amberol recordings at the Edison National Historic Site, I discovered two log books from the 1920's which proved to contain long sought-for information. The Columbia Street Studio Day Book No. 5 is just one of at least six that must still exist somewhere in the Edison vaults, but already it has yielded up some fascinating details on little known Blue Amberol history.

Friday Jan-27-1928

Working on Automatic Mac. Cyl. for Regulation at 40 R.P.M. To make Slogan - *Not a Cough in a Carload* - Made -2- Masters — A & B - by Ed Meeker.

Sat- Jan-28-1928

Shaving Cyl. Blanks

Made-6- Masters for Automatic Cylinder Mac.

Thank You Good and Mild

" " *Mild as May*

" " *Cork Tips Protect the Lips*

As I wrote in APM, VII, 2, the Columbia Street Studio was involved in dubbing Blue Amberol cylinders, but the Day Books show that the Studio was the scene of many other recording activities, such as making educational cylinders, testing recording waxes and recorders, and making Edison's ill-fated series of long-playing Diamond Discs.

Thurs Nov. 15/28

On Long Playing Recording

Made-Masters- A & B.

of 12053. Hayes and Burt Assisting - 4½ hrs.

The Day Books contain countless notations and entries regarding all kinds of recording work, but the *details* of how the work was done are sadly missing. As in the Columbia Street Dubbing Logs, references to exact recording techniques are scant. It seems to me that Thomas Edison was keeping his recording skills a secret and George Werner, Fred Burt, plus W. A. Hayes put very little in writing that can help us reconstruct Edison's actual recording methods. The entries in the Day Books are maddeningly brief:

Thurs May 31/28

Exp. on Dupl. Elec. Recorded Rec's Made -4- Cyl. Masters.

But *how* was it done? Turning to the dubbing logs, we find an entry for May 2, 1928 "Spec. 6, #5497 made from Elec. Phono 2½" from cabinet." And that is all. Further checking of the Day Books regarding the Slogan Records yields this citation:

Monday - Feb-27 - 28

in N.Y. to Shermack's office and to United Cigar Store 33 St. trying Slogan Rec's.

Was there an Automatic Cylinder Machine there? What did it look like? How did it operate? Perhaps it worked in conjunction with a cigarette machine. Did the cylinder machine say "Thank You, Mild as May" as you received a pack of your favorite brand? Again, there are no details, but one is reminded of some parallels with advertising Diamond Discs (for popcorn, etc.), and I have been advised by a coin machine collector that there was indeed a cigar dispensing machine which played Blue Amberols and touted the virtues of *Alvara Cigars*! Were Edison's records made for this machine? Does anyone have a photo of this elusive device?

The Day Books of the Columbia St. Studios leave so much unanswered; but who knows, perhaps yet another set of logs may turn up with more details, and we will be able to share them with you. □

EDISON PROFESSORSHIP ESTABLISHED

On the hundredth anniversary of the date in 1882 when Edison ordered the first switch thrown to light up 400 lamps in downtown New York City, it was announced by Columbia University on September 4th that it had received a \$1-million gift from Consolidated Edison to endow the Thomas Alva Edison Chair of Energy Research. Professors will be selected to serve on a rotational basis and, in addition to research and teaching, will deliver an annual public lecture. Edison would no doubt have been amused by all this scholarly attention since he received little formal schooling himself. APM's Editor is doubly pleased since he recalls his own days at Columbia and never heard Edison's name mentioned once! Now perhaps RCA will take suitable steps to honor Emile Berliner and Eldridge Johnson. □

FROM THE GOLDEN AGE

by Joe H. Klee

The critics called her 'Caruso in petticoats'. The late Francis Robinson wrote of her: "Those of us who came along a little too late for Caruso may console ourselves. We heard Ponselle."

Like most non-New Yorkers, my acquaintance with Rosa Ponselle was recorded. Like Caruso she was, for me, a disembodied voice on a phonograph record. The record was a 1928 Victor of "La Vergine degli angeli" from *La Forza Del Destino*. The Met Opera Orchestra and Chorus was conducted by Giulio Setti and the introductory lines were sung by basso Ezio Pinza. More about that later.

For the history and total view of the artist and person of Rosa Ponselle I had to wait for the publication by Doubleday & Co. of *Ponselle/A Singer's Life* by Rosa Ponselle and James A. Drake with a forward by Luciano Pavarotti and a discography by Bill Park and 54 black and white photographs. The book is 360 pages long and crammed with history, anecdotes, reminiscences and opinions about contemporaries and those who came after. The list price is \$22.50 and the book is well worth it.

I'm aware that autobiographies, by nature, are self serving and any account of the difficulties between Ms. Ponselle and Edward Johnson, Maria Jeritza, Libbie Miller or William Thorner are bound to be told from the Ponselle perspective. Yet I am certain that any account by the aforementioned Johnson, Jeritza, Miller or Thorner would also be slanted from their perspective and it is good that we have Rosa Ponselle's view of what happened in her lengthy, wonderful and turbulent (at times) career. In addition to the facts, the stories and the photos, the remembrances and the evaluations, the book touches on the philosophy of singing and opera and how Ponselle did it and what made her unique. The fact that this is an authorized biography of Ponselle and that most of it is in her own words saves us the competing and conflicting versions of the life and times and art of the performer that we have recently seen in the case of Maria Callas and Mario Lanza. For the most part it is easily readable and told in a fascinating manner. A reviewer always is on the lookout for that one erroneous piece of research that will show that he has indeed done his homework. I have found

one minor discrepancy on page 104 in a footnote referring to the presence at a Met performance of *La Gioconda* of John Hays Hammond Jr. who is referred to as a relative of the Vanderbilts and as a record company executive active in the field of jazz. Actually John Hays Hammond was an inventor. The recording executive, who is still active today in the jazz field and the pop field, is John Henry Hammond Jr. On checking with John Henry Hammond, I was able to confirm that he was, indeed, present at the opening night performance of *La Gioconda* in the 1924/25 season which included Ponselle, Gigli and Ruffo.

The discography is rather strange. Bill Park has opted for the alphabetical approach, such as used by Secrist in his Caruso discography appended to Francis Robinson's *Caruso, His Life in Pictures*. I rather prefer the chronological approach best illustrated by John Bolig's work on Caruso. Given the data in Park's discography, it will be possible, although time consuming, for me to compile a chronological Ponselle discography for my own use. There are separate discographies for the Columbia recordings, the Victors (both acoustic and electric), the off-the-air recordings (again probably incomplete) and a brief sampling of rehearsal tapes with other singers and conversations with the likes of Pavarotti, Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Gloria Swanson. There are separate discographies for her sister (Carmella Ponselle) and brother (Tony Ponselle). There is also a listing of radio broadcasts (partial) and various reissue LPs with cross index numbers to relate them to the discography. There is also an alphabetical listing by title with cross reference numbers to the earlier discographical sections so one can enumerate all the recordings of "Ritorna vincitor" (one acoustic Columbia, an acoustic Victor, an electric Victor and an off-the-air recording).

Rosa Ponselle's recording career lasted 21 years. She did make one final LP in 1954 for Victor but for a number of reasons I feel that this is a different sort of item and ought not to be considered as part of the mainstream of Ponselle's discography. While her recording years outnumbered Caruso's because it began later, it was a career that lasted well into the era of electrical recording. Despite Ponselle's ambivalent feelings about her

recordings as expressed in this book we have a more accurate phonographic likeness of Ponselle than we have of Caruso, Patti, Melba or Tetrazzini.

If there is a real villain as far as Ponselle's recordings are concerned it would have to be her early manager William Thorner who signed her with Columbia rather than Victor. The fact that Ponselle was an exclusive Columbia artist and Caruso was an exclusive Victor artist (and in those days *exclusive* meant just that) robbed us forever of hearing them together in the tomb scene from *Aida* or the "Miserere" from *Trovatore*. Caruso was partnered in his recording of the tomb scene by Johanna Gadski (not an inferior singer - until one compared her with Ponselle) and Ponselle was partnered on Columbia in "O terra addio" only by Charles Hackett (no Caruso he) and later in two recordings by Caruso's successor as Radames, Giovanni Martinelli (recorded acoustically for Victor in 1924 and electrically in 1926). What wouldn't we have given to hear Ponselle and Caruso together in this music, or in any other music for that fact. But why torture ourselves with what could have been had Thorner not opted for the Columbia contract for his client. The fact is that he did and at least there is a duet with the baritone Riccardo Straciari from *Trovatore* ... small solace but solace none the less.

The discography discloses a fantastic repertoire that went from the bel canto music of Bellini and Spontini to such popular items as "Kiss Me Again" and "Little Alabama Coon". It is a recorded legacy that both excites and frustrates because neither Victor nor Columbia have more than one LP reissue currently available. The RCA (Victrola VIC 1507) does include some unpublished material ... the two *Aida* arias and a Schubert's Serenade as a duet with Carmela ... never issued before. Otherwise the LP is predictable *Norma*, *Ernani* and the *Aida* tomb scene with Martinelli plus "Miserere" from *Trovatore*. The Columbia (Odyssey Y31150), in addition to the expected greatest hits from *Trovatore*, *Ernani*, *Vesperi Siciliani*, *Forza*, *Aida*, has an interview with Ponselle about the early recordings and her Met debut. Both reissues include excerpts from *Otello*, a role Ponselle never sang at the Met, the Columbia has the "Ave Maria" whereas the Victrola includes "Salce salce" as well.

The voice on Columbia is some half a decade younger than the voice on Victor. It was not as sure of itself on Columbia as it

became later but there is, as is the case with so many recordings of singers made early in their career, an extra measure of wonder and excitement that vanishes with experience as the artist becomes more comfortable with recording and more blasé about their new-found fame and notoriety.

I'm just as glad that the 1954 recording "Rosa Ponselle Sings Today" (Victor LM 1899) is no longer available. Make all the apologies and excuses you want, the voice in 1954 was not what it was in 1924. There's no way it could be. When a violin gets old it can be repaired or replaced if need be. There is no way to hide or remedy or replace a voice that has deteriorated with time. If others (such as Callas) deteriorated even more than Ms. Ponselle's did this is still not the way I want to remember Rosa Ponselle.

The magnificent 2 LP Camden set CBL 100 to my mind offers a better choice than any other Ponselle reissue I've heard. While it omits the most familiar recordings from *Aida*, "Ritorna vincitor," "O patria mia" and the tomb scene, it does include the Act III Nile duet with Martinelli. The Camden reissue also includes the "La vergine degli angeli" with Pinza to which I referred earlier as being my favorite Ponselle recording. In *Ponselle/A Singer's Life* Rosa Ponselle dismisses most of her recordings with faint praise and refers to this particular recording as one she especially dislikes because instead of permitting her piannissimi to stand, the engineers boosted her voice in order to equalize it with Pinza's. This may be true. It may even have been the wrong thing to do especially if, as Ponselle states, it destroyed the very effect she was trying to create. I wish I could tell Rosa Ponselle that this is still my favorite of all her recordings. It is the first one I fell in love with. It is the recording that I played when news reached me of the fire at Villa Pace and her subsequent seeking of shelter at the local convent, as did Leonara in *Forza Del Destino* and it is also the one I returned to after reading of Rosa Ponselle's death. I would hope that she might reconsider her opinion of this record knowing how much it means to at least one of her fans and how much pleasure it ... along with all her other recordings ... has given me.

This book should be required reading for anyone with even a passing interest in opera and the golden age of singing just as all available recordings of Ponselle should be required listening for all students of the art of operatic singing. Given all in all, even with the setbacks and the disappointments, Rosa Ponselle led a good life. She spent more years than most of us doing what she wanted to do and she did it better than anyone else. □

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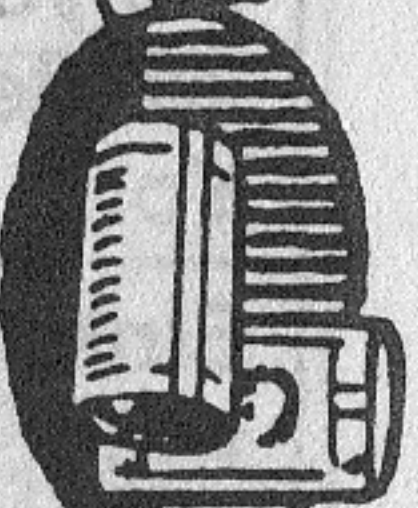
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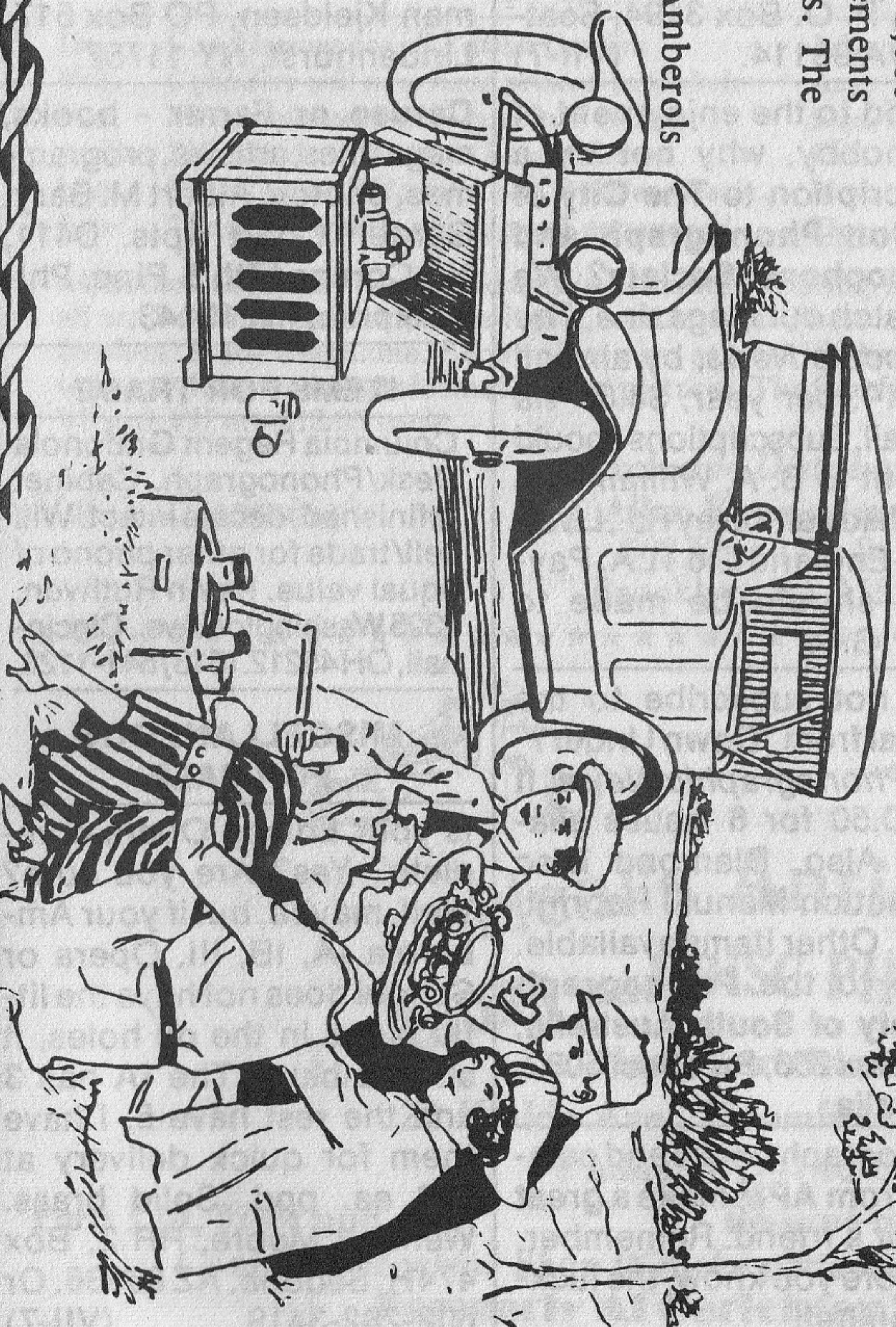
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